[English]

Congentrix Thermal Power Plant

1556. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Supreme Court has ordered for environmental impact assessment of the Cogentrix Thermal Power Plant and any other projects in Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the projects ordered to be studied/ assessed

(c) the findings of the experts with regard to each of these projects;

(d) whether environmental clearance had already been granted to any of these projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the projects to be studied and assessed are Goshree Project in Kerala, Cogentrix Project in Karnataka, Sinarmas Pulp & Paper Project in Maharashtra, Bandra-Kurla Complex in Maharashtra and Sanghi Jetty/Cement Project in Kutch.

(c) As per the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Experts from the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur, would visit the project(s) and submit its recommendations to the States concerned. Copies of the Report are also required to be filed in the Supreme Court.

(d) and (e). Goshree Project in Kerala, Cogentrix Project in Karnataka, Sinarmas Pulp & Paper Project in Maharashtra and Sanghi Cement project in Kutch had been accorded environmental clearance subject to Implementation of environmental safeguard measures.

Freedom Fighters Pension

1557. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of requests received by Freedom Fighters Pension Division of his Ministry from the families of freedom fighters of West Bengal regarding grant of family pension during April 1, 1995 and November 30, 1996; and

(b) the action taken on each of these requests and reasons for delay in the disposal of such cases, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). From May, 1992, a simplified procedure regarding grant of pension to widows has been introduced whereby the Disbursing Officers at the local level have been authorised to commence the pension applications for grant of pension in favour of widows of such of freedom fighters who were already in receipt of pension are, therefore, not required to be made to the Central Government.

[Translation]

Industrial Units Preparing Powder Milk

1558. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the names and locations of large scale industrial units set up for preparing powder milk and ghee from milk;

(b) the capacity of these units and expenditure incurred on their setting up; and

(c) whether the Government propose to set up such units in all the States to meet the shortage of milk and ghee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b). A *statement* indicating the names, locations and capacities of dairy plants having 3.00 lakh litres of milk per day or more of liquid milk handling capacity, registered under MMPO for manufacture of powder milk and ghee is at Annexure. As most of these units are not owned by the Government detail regarding the expenditure incurred in their setting up is not available.

(c) No Sir.

STATEMENT

Dairy Plants registered under MMPO with a capacity of 3.00 LLPD and above having authorization to manufacture either Powder Milk or Ghee

S.No.	Name of unit and Location	Registered Capacity	Unit
1	2	3	4
1	Vadilal International Prabhu Krupa, 46 Hatkesh Society Ist Floor, 7th Road (North-South). JVPD Scheme, Bombay-400056.	300.00	tlpd
Renge of Products : Powder. WMP. MF. IMF. CASEIN. Ghee. Cheese, Butter			